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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN REMARKS ON HUDSON FAMILY
MURDERS, CHICAGO'S VIOLENT CRIME RATE
AND COMMUNITY SORROW**

(Chicago) — “I am greatly dismayed and saddened by the violent loss of life in the killings of Darnell Donerson, Jason Hudson and seven-year-old Julian King,” said Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County. “My thoughts and prayers are with Julian’s bereaved mother Julia Hudson as she and her sister Jennifer Hudson cope with the deaths of their mother, brother, son and nephew.

“I also have great concern for all the other family members, friends, neighbors and citizens affected by this senseless tragedy. This murderous rampage has diminished us all and the extreme sorrow of it threatens to overwhelm us. Unfortunately, this high profile case casts a dark shadow on the city of Chicago, underscoring a rising rate of violent crime, last reported to be up by 18 percent over 2007.”

“My hope is that the person or persons guilty of visiting such devastation upon a family and our community will be apprehended and brought to justice,” Clerk Brown said. “May the souls of Darnell, Jason and young Julian rest in peace, and may Julia, Jennifer, and other family members find some comfort through our offerings of love and condolences during this most difficult time.

“Finally, may we, as a community, focus our combined energies on trying to eradicate the scourge of violent crimes in our neighborhoods, by engendering feelings of respect, compassion, and value of life, among all citizens.”

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